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Banquet highlights Miss. ministries

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Associate Editor

The Missions Night in Mississippi dinner was held during the Mississippi Baptist Convention at First Church, Jackson, Oct. 25. The annual dinner is designed to highlight statewide missions activities and is sponsored by the Mission Strategy Division of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB). David Michel is the associate executive director of the division.

The dinner, with the theme, "Whenever He Calls," gives an opportunity for several individuals in the state who have contributed significantly to missions endeavors to share what God has done in their particular places of ministry.

Following welcome and introductions from Michel, a thanksgiving prayer offered by Kay Cassibry, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and music shared by Cathy Taylor, Church Music Department, MBCB, three different ministry areas were spotlighted.



AFTER THE STORM — David (left) and Patty Baldwin, members of First Church, Vicksburg, share the ministry work that was done at First Church, Pearlinton, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Theirs was one of three ministry areas highlighted at the Missions Night in Mississippi dinner at First Church, Jackson, on Oct. 25, prior to the annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. (Photo by Tony Martin)

David and Patty Baldwin, First Church, Vicksburg, shared of how God calls through disaster.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Baldwins were part of First Church, Vicksburg's ministry to those who had been displaced due to the storm. Soon thereafter, the couple learned of an opportunity to minister at First Church, Pearlinton. Part of their responsibilities included coordinating construction work in the affected area.

"Jim Didlake asked us if we'd be willing to work at Pearlinton for a year," said David Baldwin. "We ended up staying an additional two years. We learned that the Lord wanted us to take one step at a time and turn it all over to Him."

Patty Baldwin told the story of, a woman raising a six-year-old granddaughter. "(She) found a sink that she wanted someone to install," she said, "but we found that her trailer was in such awful shape, with the walls propped up, and she needed to own her own property in order for any repairs to be done. Churches came through and we were able to buy her a new trailer. And all she wanted was a sink."

Adrian Turner told of his work at the Pascagoula port ministry. "You're never too late to start serving the Lord," Turner said. "At age 67, I went into full-time service."

Turner volunteered with the sea-

men's ministry for about three years, but a little voice told him, "You can do more." So Turner has since served for an additional seven years. "God has provided our needs, giving us what we needed to get the job done," he said. "Six months after Katrina we got a new center with no mortgages." The previous seamen's center was destroyed in the storm.

The center provides several services. "We give the Jesus video to anyone who will accept it," Turner said. "Seafarers want to make phone calls home, and they want to go to Wal-Mart. If they don't know any other words in English, they do know 'Wal-Mart.'"

Rick Dunbar, an emergency room physician and member of First Church, Madison, spoke about his call into medical missions.

"In 1993, I was called out of being a veterinarian and went back to medical school," said Dunbar, citing Joshua 1:9 as part of that call. "God changes us when we are obedient to His will."

Dunbar shared how in some areas of Asia, volunteers hike into remote areas to deliver radios that can only receive a Christian radio station that broadcasts in their "heart language." He continued by informing the audience about the Southern Cross project. "In one unnamed large Asian country, distributing the Bible is illegal," he said. "If we can get a Bible into the hands of a national, studies have shown that it is read by up to 10 other people, cover to cover."

MBCB officers chosen



Newly-elected officers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, chosen during the board's organizational meeting after the adjournment of the 2010 annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on October 27, are (from left) Joe Pate, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, vice-president; Clarence Cooper, pastor of Brandon Church, Brandon, president; and Rex Yancey, pastor of First Church, Ripley, secretary. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Al Qaida: Christians 'legitimate targets'

BAGHDAD, Iraq (BP) — Al-Qaida in Iraq has declared that Christians in the Middle East are "legitimate targets" for violence, after the group carried out an unprecedented attack on a Baghdad church.

The Islamic State of Iraq, with ties to al-Qaida, released a message Nov. 3 saying, "The Ministry of War of Islamic State of Iraq declares that all the centers, organizations and bodies of Christian leaders and followers have become legitimate targets by the Mujahedeens, wherever our hands will reach them," according to a CNN report, which the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) circulated to its e-mail list.

Richard Land, a USCIRF commissioner and president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Nashville, told Baptist Press members of al-Qaida have shown themselves to be murderous barbarians.

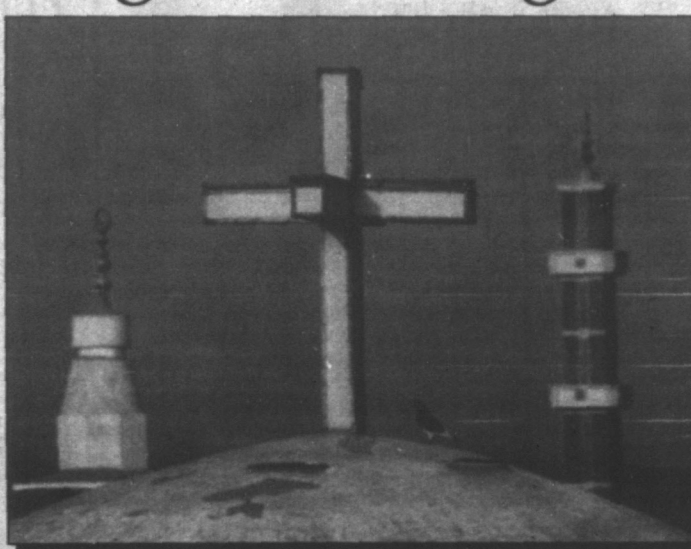
"This is just further confirmation that they operate outside the rules of civilization. They should be condemned by every civilized people and every civilized faith," Land said. "This is an excellent opportunity for the too often silent Muslim community in the United States to condemn these threats against Christians and to condemn the atrocities that are being committed in the name of their faith."

The Islamic State of Iraq claimed that its declaration targeting Christians was brought on by a dispute regarding women they allege are being held captive by Egypt's Coptic Church, and they attributed their anger over the situation to prompting the attack on a Baghdad church that left nearly 60 people dead Oct. 31.

"The sword of slaughter will not be lifted off the necks of their followers until they denounce what the dog of the Egyptian church has committed, and until they show the Mujahedeens their serious endeavor to pressure the combatant [Coptic] church for the release of our Muslim sisters, who are captive in the prisons of their [monasteries]," the militant group said Wednesday.

Mike Edens, professor of theology and Islamic studies at New Orleans Seminary who ministered in the Muslim world for 25 years, said to understand the accusation against the Coptic Orthodox Church, one must understand that claims have been made historically against Christian churches in the Middle East that they are comforting and protecting women who are identified as Muslims.

"Frequently these women have come from a Christian background and they were secured as a wife by a Muslim and were forced to convert or chose to convert, and then



they're seeking to convert back," Edens told Baptist Press.

"They don't have the freedom to do that, and they seek the protection of the church and they may even take vows to be a nun and be in a convent or a monastery. There is an element of factual basis to the claim, but it's more complex than the secular news media is capable of helping us understand."

The claim that al-Qaida in Iraq is making, Edens said, is a red herring because the jihadists make it seem as if they would accept a Christian presence among them if the women were not being held by the Coptic Church.

"That is not true," Edens said. "Unlike the general Islamic population, members of jihadist Islamic groups, members of al-Qaida in particular in this case, have committed to an ideology that is opposed to all Christians in their midst. Not only that, they are opposed to all other religious expressions including expressions of Islam that are different from their own."

Al-Qaida has killed more Muslims than Christians, Edens said, and they are antagonistic and belligerent against anyone who holds a different worldview than the jihadist ideal, which is the establishment of a global Islamic republic that is ruled by nothing but the Quran.

"They were clearly attacking this Syriac Catholic church, which is not connected with the

Coptic Orthodox church, to try to mute the effect of the Christian Gospel and the Christian church," Edens said. "Ideally, they would like the church to be removed from their presence. They see the church as an obstacle to their objective of having complete political power."

Al-Qaida will give various reasons for opposing Christians, but the bottom line is that unlike the majority of Muslims, the jihadists are ideologically opposed to Christianity, he said.

"It was clearly an attack against vulnerable Christians to try to encourage them to emigrate out of Iraq, to reduce their voice in Iraq, to intimidate them," he said. "I think also that contrary to the popular view, Islam is not a monolith, and the few people who were engaged in this assault represent a very small minority of Islam."

The jihadists, Edens said, are trying to eliminate voices of peace, moderation, and cooperation, and the Christian church is "a large voice in that choir."

"We as Christians who are in freedom need to pray for our brothers and sisters not just in Islamic countries but in much of the rest of the world who are suffering for their identification with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Edens said. "We have freedom to pray for them and to intercede for them and to learn of their plight and to send missionaries to walk alongside of them, and we need to be faithful in that."



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Personhood fails

DENVER (BP and local reports) — The single pro-life initiative on the ballot this fall, Colorado's personhood amendment, failed by a 3-1 margin but supporters say they were victorious simply by raising awareness of the beginning of life. Amendment 62 would have added a section to the Colorado constitution's Bill of Rights noting that the term "person" shall apply "to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being." Mississippi voters will consider a similar amendment to their constitution on election day in November 2011, if court challenges to the proposal are unsuccessful. Hinds County Circuit Judge Malcom Harrison rejected a motion Oct. 26 to prevent Measure Number 26, also known as the Mississippi Personhood Amendment, from going before the people in 2011. The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson reported. Amendment foes who filed suit to block the initiative from the ballot said they would appeal to the state Supreme Court, according to the newspaper. The Colorado amendment's supporters said they had persuaded some women to give birth rather than choose abortion. Jennifer Mason, a Personhood Colorado spokeswoman, said, "We're excited to try again next election." A similar ballot measure was defeated in 2008, also by a 3-1 margin, but the wording was slightly different. That proposal defined a person as a "human being from the moment of conception." Opponents to Amendment 62 were well-funded, with the "No on 62" campaign being led by Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, and New Era Colorado, which raised about \$578,000 in cash contributions, The Post said. That figure was nearly 10 times as much funding as supporters received. As part of their push to defeat the measure, opponents said the amendment would not only end abortion but lead to a prohibition of emergency contraception and limit treatment for miscarriages, tubal pregnancies, and infertility. Supporters said those claims were exaggerated and distorted. Amendment 62 was controversial also among pro-lifers, with quarterback Tim Tebow's mother Pam endorsing it but the Colorado Eagle Forum opposing it as a mistaken approach and recommending instead a stronger effort to elect pro-life candidates.

Looking back

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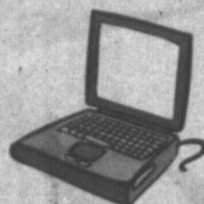
The executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board selects James O. "Jim" Ray, bivocational pastor of Rehobeth Church, Pelahatchie, as the new manager of Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko.

20 years ago

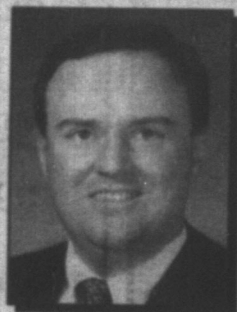
"Every door was an adventure," report John and Ernestine Herrington of Tylertown, who spent the summer canvassing Garden Grove, Fla., for a new church start in the area. The Herringtons were members of a Praxis team sponsored by New Orleans Seminary to assist new churches.

50 years ago

Wilfred Tyler is inaugurated as the fifth president of Blue Mountain College on Oct. 25. He succeeds Lawrence T. Lowery.



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On to next year

"AND THIS MODEL COMES
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Iowa is not known as the most conservative of states. The fact that those were the only three Supreme Court judges up for retention, and all three were axed by the voters, should send politicians and judges a clear signal on the mood of the American people regarding goals of the homosexual movement.

In California, voters turned away legalized marijuana by a convincing margin despite an organized and well-funded pro-marijuana contingent. However, as evidenced in the article below, the legalization movement promises as many attempts as are necessary to finally get pot approved in the Golden State.

Essentially overlooked in the drama of the national spotlight were the election day races for control of many of the states' governorships and legislatures. Here too, one side seems to have prevailed overwhelmingly in these important races. With sweeping redistricting to be done in the wake of the 2010 U.S. Census, the outcomes of those races will prove to be just about as important as the congressional elections.

Mississippi Baptists, are you listening? Elections in our state will be held this

time next year, with the governorship scheduled to change hands and every other state and local office and legislative seat up for grabs. Will we make a difference in those elections? Will we elect men and women who are more than Christian in name only, who are really intent on living their faith in ways that will move the state forward?

As legalized gambling continues its northward creep from the Gulf Coast, as the personhood of unborn children will be decided, as more and more areas are opened to unbridled liquor sales, as abortionists try to keep their grip on the tiny toe hold they have, Mississippi Baptists need to get involved in the fight for the soul of our state.

It's really that important. Don't allow the candidates to brush aside social issues as irrelevant or unimportant. As the voters proved this past November 2, social issues are important to the vast majority of us, the people, no matter what they say.

After all, we are their employers. They have to listen to us.

Marijuana supporters not giving up; opponents ready

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (BP) — The votes were still being counted in California on election night when the defeated supporters of legalizing marijuana vowed they would be back in 2012, "stronger than ever."

Opponents of marijuana legalization may have won by a significant margin, 54-46%, but the debate over California Proposition 19 appears to have been just the beginning of what likely will be a budding political and cultural battle that could last for years, if not decades.

The question: Should America legalize marijuana for recreational use? Supporters of legalization had hoped California could set a trend that would spread nationwide. They'll try again in California in 2012 and could be joined by ballot initiatives in other states, including Washington, Colorado, and Nevada.

"The legalization of marijuana is no longer a question of if but a question of when," Prop 19 supporters said in a statement.

Wayne Johnson, campaign manager for No on 19, rejects the notion that the momentum is for legalization. "No trend is inevitable," he said Nov. 4 during a teleconference with reporters.

Prop 19 would have made California the first state to legalize the growth, sale, and recreational use of marijuana. Individuals would have been able to grow it on their property in a lot no bigger than 25 square feet, and local governments would have been able to tax it.

The state would not have received any revenue. It still would have been illegal on the federal level — a fact that opponents were quick to note.

Prop 19 lost because a broad coalition of liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, came together to argue the measure was flawed and needed to be rejected. The "no" side even received backing from medicinal marijuana supporters who argued that Prop 19's passage could make it tougher and even more expensive to obtain pot for medicinal

reasons, because, under the initiative's language, some towns might shut down medicinal marijuana dispensaries.

The editorial board of virtually every major newspaper in the state also opposed Prop 19. Some of those editorials said they might be able to support marijuana legalization in another form but saw too many flaws in Prop 19.

"We had a very diverse coalition," said Johnson, who acknowledged that supporters of marijuana legalization next time will make some changes to attract more backing. "... In California, you really, truly do need to depend upon coalition politics. You need to be bipartisan. You've got to get people who come together on that issue who may not agree on anything else."

According to exit polls, 52% of men and 57% of women opposed Prop 19, as did 54% of whites, 53% of blacks and 55% of Latinos. The under-30 age group actually supported it by a margin of 59-41%, but the 30-44 was evenly split and the over-44 age groups opposed it by wide margins.

A majority of Democrats (56%) supported Prop 19, but 70% of Republicans and 53% of Independents opposed it.

Supporters believe they may have a better chance of passing a marijuana initiative in 2012, a presidential election year when young people are more prone to vote and the California electorate may be more left-leaning. Opponents argue that the California electorate this year closely mirrored a presidential year and was an exception to the national Republican wave, with Democrats easily winning the U.S. Senate race and the governor's and lieutenant governor's races in the state.

In fact, some political observers believe Democrats were helped in California because it brought out people who voted specifically for pot legalization. "This was a pretty strong Democrats showing this time around, which is sort of what you would expect in a presidential year, as well," said No on 19 spokesman Tim Rosales. "I am not sure it would be that much different."

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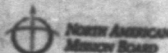
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DEATH AND BEYOND

One of the most profound issues with which human beings wrestle is what happens beyond death. We live, we die, and then what? The answers to that question cover an incredible range of points of view.

Some believe that when you die, you die and that is all there is. You were, you are no more, and there is nothing beyond. For some cultures, the future beyond death is described with words like the happy hunting grounds. For some it is the continuation of life in some form like the journey taken by those who were buried in the Pyramids. Of course, there are people who believe in reincarnation: when you end one life's experience, you will come back embodied in another person or maybe as an animal.

Recently, I was listening to a celebrity being interviewed and the life after death subject came up. They laughed and joked about it for a little bit and the celebrity said, "Do you know something that I do not know? Is that what you are trying to tell me?" The interviewer said, "I was just asking you what you think. What do you believe about death? What do you think is beyond?" The celebrity said, "Oh, I think that we come back." The interviewer said, "Really! Come back as what?" He said, "I think you come back as an animal." The interviewer responded, "An animal?" He said, "Yeah, I believe that when you die you come back as an animal. Whatever animal you treated the worst in this life is what you will be in the next life." The celebrity sounded as though he was serious.

While those views may not be widely accepted among Christians and, hopefully, they are widely rejected views, there are even some Christian views that are a little bit on the edge and filled with uncertainty.



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

For instance, some people look to their primary view of death and its aftermath by listening to someone who has had an out-of-body or near death experience in which they departed here and went toward the light or maybe they entered through pearly gates. I have known some people who had near death experiences and they feel as though the Lord allowed them to see heaven in its grandeur and then sent them back.

When I am asked if I really believe people have those kinds of experiences or wonder what is actually taking place in those events, I have to say that I honestly do not know all of the answers because I have known of people who described things just exactly like the Bible describes them in the New Jerusalem. I am not sure if they actually went and visited somewhere and saw what the Bible tells us we will see, or if it was so vivid in their mind that the Lord impressed it on them during a traumatic time or event to show them eternal reality. If you want to nail down some things — not everything but some things about eternity, death, and the beyond — listen to the clarity of the Word of God. Here is what we know:

• **Everyone is facing death.** "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Heb. 9:27). I certainly am aware of the fact that Jesus may come and gather His people with Him and those who are alive as well as the dead in Christ will go and be with Him, but barring that intervention, we are all going to exit this world.

• **We all will live beyond death.** The world is divided into those who will live eternally with the Lord, and others who will live eternally without Him. Here is an interesting thing about beyond death. Everyone is a believer. Everyone believes in Jesus. Of course, folks who are in heaven will surround Him, worship Him, believe in Him, and our faith has become sight. Sometimes what people fail to realize is that people who die without Christ believe in Him in eternity. When Jesus told of eternity as focused on one man He said, "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment and he cried, 'Father Abraham, send Lazarus to my brothers'" (Luke 16:23). This man who is lifting up his eyes in hell knew that Jesus could save, and he wanted his brothers to hear.

The problem was, they were hearing the Word of God even as he had but chose to ignore it or reject it. Philippians 2:9-11 says, "Wherefore God has highly exalted Him and has given Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Listen to that. *Every knee will bow.* In time, every knee will bow to the Lordship of Jesus. It does not matter if they are atheist, infidel, world-renowned leader, or a nameless, isolated loner. They will bow to Him. So why won't they all

be in heaven? It is a matter of timing, a matter of faith, and a matter of trusting God with your now and your forever.

• **You do not have to worry about death or eternity, for you can know the peace of God that passes all understanding right now if you will trust Jesus.** You may have no idea as to when you will exit here, but you can know that the moment you invite Him in He comes to live with you forever. Maybe that moment for someone is right now. You can pray something like this: "Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins. I trust you to give me everlasting life right now. I give you my life and will serve you from now on throughout all eternity. Amen!"

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REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

- Horseshoe Church, Tchula:** Homecoming, Nov. 14; worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship; Jeff Jeffers, speaker; Perry Irvin, pastor.
- Eastview Church, Laurel:** Revival, Nov. 14 - 17; Sun., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Daniel Caldwell, speaker; Milfred Valentine, music.
- Line Creek Church, Morton:** Homecoming, Nov. 14 services, 11 a.m., followed by potluck lunch and cemetery meeting; Scott Walters, speaker. Ted Vardaman, Pastor

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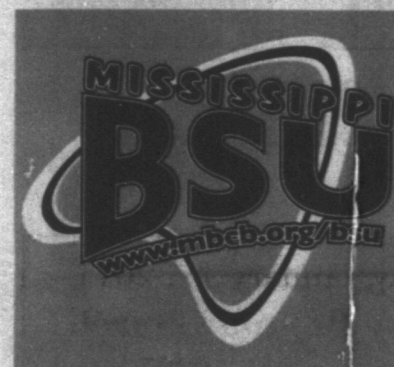
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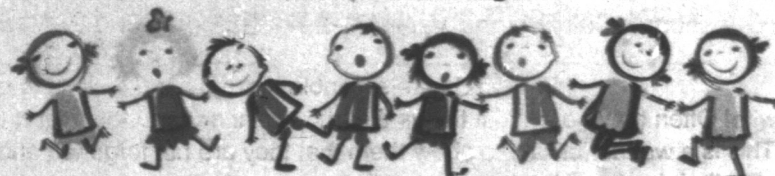
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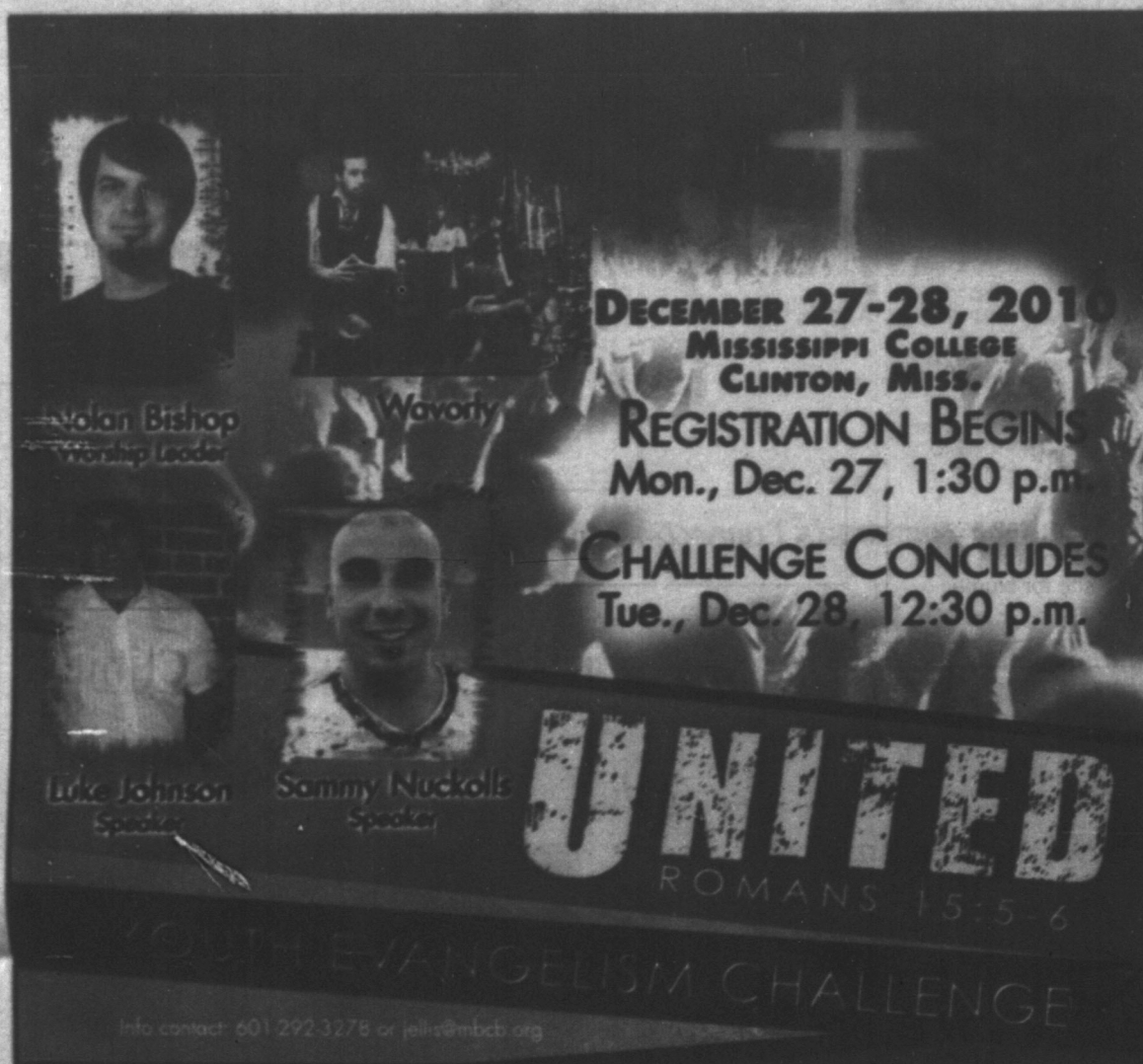
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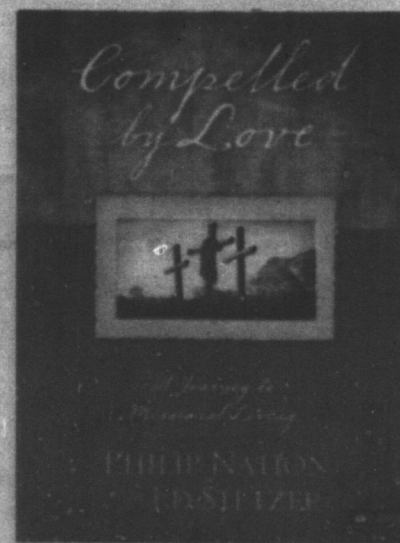
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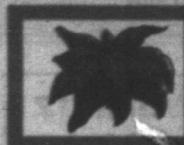
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Mississippi Baptists part of congressional shakeup

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The Southern Baptist representation in Congress underwent a significant shake-up in the mid-term election cycle.

Nine members of the U.S. House of Representatives whose memberships are in Southern Baptist churches will no longer be in that chamber for various reasons. They departed the House in the following ways:

- In Mississippi's First Congressional District, Democratic Rep. Travis Childers, a member of East Booneville Church, Booneville, was defeated by Republican Alan Nunnelee, a member of Calvary Church, Tupelo.

- In addition to Childers, Democratic Reps. Bobby Bright of Alabama and Lincoln Davis of Tennessee lost in their races for re-election.

- Reps. John Boozman of Arkansas and Roy Blunt of Missouri, both Republicans, won election to the U.S. Senate Nov. 2 after vacating their House seats to run for the Senate.

- Rep. Nathan Deal, a Republican, won the race for governor in Georgia after vacating his House seat to run for governor.

- Reps. J. Gresham Barrett of South Carolina and Zach Wamp of Tennessee both lost in the Republican gubernatorial primaries in their states earlier this year after vacating their house seats to run for those positions.

- Rep. Henry Brown, R.-S.C., retired after five terms in the House.

Newly elected Southern Baptists will fill at least some of the void. Baptist Press has learned that, in addition to Nunnelee, the following members of Southern Baptist churches will be freshmen in the new Congress. There may be more than the following list reflects:

- James Lankford, a Republican and a member of Quail Springs Church in Oklahoma City, defeated Democrat Billy Coyle by a 62-35% margin in Oklahoma's Fifth Congressional District. Lankford was program director at the Baptist General Convention

of Oklahoma's Falls Creek summer camp from 1996-2009.

- Daniel Webster, a Republican and a member of First Church of Central Florida in Orlando, overcame Democratic incumbent Alan Grayson by 56-38% in Florida's Eighth District. Webster is a former Speaker of the House and Senate majority leader in the state legislature.

- Rick Crawford, a Republican and a member of Nettleton Church in Jonesboro, Ark., outpolled Democrat Chad Causey 52-43% to win in Arkansas' First District. Crawford became the first Republican elected in the northeast Arkansas district since Reconstruction.

Also, Steve Pearce, a Republican and a member of Taylor Memorial Church in Hobbs, N.M., regained his former seat in New Mexico's Second District after two years out of office. He defeated Democratic incumbent Harry Teague by 55-45% two years after losing a race for the U.S. Senate. Pearce had served three terms in the House.

Boozman, a member of First Church in Rogers, Ark., won an easy victory over incumbent Sen. Blanche Lincoln, a Democrat, after serving five terms in the House. Boozman outpolled Lincoln by 58-37%.

Blunt, a member of First Church in Branson, Mo., defeated Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, a Democrat, by 54-41%. Blunt served seven terms as a U.S. representative.

Deal, a member of First Church in Gainesville, Ga., defeated former Georgia Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes after serving nine terms in the House.

Mississippi Second District Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Methodist, defeated Republican Bill Marcy. Republican Steven Palazzo, who defeated ten term Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor in Mississippi's Fourth District, is Catholic as is Taylor. Palazzo's wife Lisa is Baptist.

Following is a list, as compiled by Baptist Press, of the ballot results for members of Southern Baptist

churches who sought re-election to Congress. (The vote totals are from the website of CNN. The number of precincts reporting varied from 97%-100%. Some races had more than two candidates on the ballot, but only the top two finishers are included.)

Senate

Oklahoma: Sen. Tom Coburn, Republican, seeking second term, First Church, Muskogee, defeated Jim Rogers, Democrat, 716,347-265,519, 71-26%.

House of Representatives

Alabama: Rep. Bobby Bright, D., Second District, seeking second term, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, lost to Martha Roby, R., 111,332-106,465, 51-49%.

Rep. Spencer Bachus, R. Sixth District, seeking 10th term, Hunter Street Church, Hoover, was unopposed, according to CNN.

Arizona: Rep. Trent Franks, R., Second District, seeking fifth term, North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, defeated John Thrasher, D., 137,268-64,306, 65-31%.

Florida: Rep. Vern Buchanan, R., 13th District, seeking third term, First Church, Sarasota, defeated James Golden, D., 183,615-82,992, 69-31%.

Georgia: Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R., Third District, seeking fourth term, Orchard Hills Church, Newnan, defeated Robert Saunders, D., 158,996-71,036, 69-31%.

Rep. Paul Broun, R. 10th District, seeking third term, Prince Avenue Church, Bogart, defeated Russell Edwards, D., 137,263-66,574, 67-33%.

Kentucky: Rep. Harold Rogers, R., Fifth District, seeking 16th term, First Church, Somerset, defeated James Holbert, D., 150,842-43,997, 77-23%.

Louisiana: Rep. John Fleming, R., Fourth District, seeking second term, First Church, Minden, defeated David Melville, D., 105,206-54,598, 62-33%.

Rep. Rodney Alexander, R., Fifth District, seeking fifth term,

Sweetwater Church, Quitman, was unopposed, CNN reported.

Mississippi: Rep. Travis Childers, D., First District, seeking second full term, East Booneville Church, Booneville, lost to Alan Nunnelee, R., 116,036-85,400, 55-41%.

Rep. Gregg Harper, R., 3rd District, seeking second term, Crossgates Church, Brandon, defeated Joel Gill, D., 128,160-58,605, 68-31%.

Missouri: Rep. Sam Graves, R., Sixth District, seeking sixth term, First Church, Tarkio, defeated Clint Hylton, D., 152,973-67,717, 69-31%.

North Carolina: Rep. Heath Shuler, D., 11th District, seeking third term, Biltmore Church, Arden, defeated Jeffery Miller, R., 129,677-109,029, 54-46%.

Oklahoma: Rep. Frank Lucas, R., Third District, seeking 10th term, First Church, Cheyenne, defeated Frankie Robbins, D., 161,915-45,684, 78-22%.

Tennessee: Rep. Lincoln Davis, D., Fourth District, seeking fifth term, Byrdstown First Church, Byrdstown, lost to Scott Desjarlais, R., 104,025-70,329, 57-39%.

Texas: Rep. Louie Gohmert, R., First District, seeking fourth term, Green Acres Church, Tyler, was unopposed, according to CNN.

Rep. Al Green, D., Ninth District, seeking fourth term, Cullen Missionary Church, Houston, defeated Steve Mueller, R., 79,957-24,157, 76-23%.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R., 11th District, seeking fourth term, First Church, Midland, defeated James Quillian, D., 125,354-23,939, 81-15%.

Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R., 19th District, seeking fifth term, First Church, Lubbock, defeated Andy Wilson, D., 105,818-26,082, 78-19%.

Virginia: Rep. Randy Forbes, R., Fourth District, seeking sixth term, Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake, defeated Wynne LeGrow, D., 122,667-74,209, 62-38%.

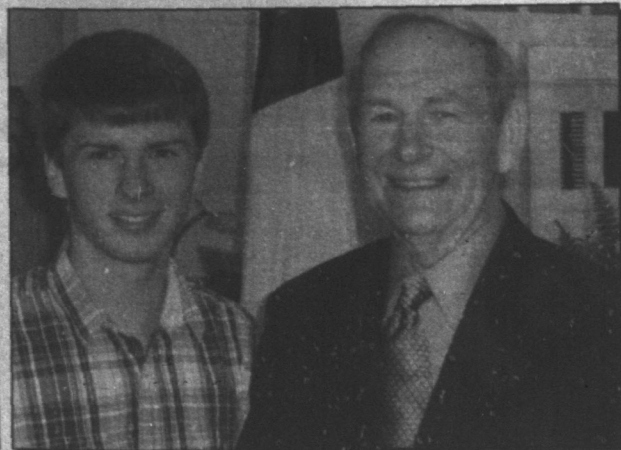
JUST FOR THE RECORD

1. Toomsooba Church and Salem Church, Lauderdale Association, united outreach efforts during a fall festival Oct. 31. Over 75 people attended, with Bibles and ABC plan of salvation book-marks were distributed. Other activities included a hay ride, petting zoo, space jumps, candy, food, and drinks. David Caves, pastor, Toomsooba; Tom Woods, pastor, Salem.

2. Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, is hosting a community singing with The Celestials Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

Visit us online at www.mbc.org to learn more about Mississippi Baptist opportunities.

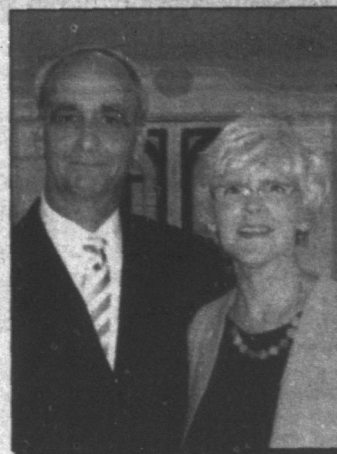
STAFF CHANGES



1. Cibotarica and Pope

1. Eastview Church, Laurel, has called Anatolie Cibotarica as minister of youth. Cibotarica was born in Chisinau, Moldova, and is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. Shown are Cibotarica and pastor Gayle Pope.

2. Spring Hill Church, Waterford, has called John Parker as pastor. Shown are Parker and his wife, Janet.



2. The Parkers

Pray this day for...

November 12 - December 2

"O LORD, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth."

2 Kings 19:15

A team from **Cleary BC** is traveling home after serving in East Asia in the area of evangelism. Pray for all those who heard the gospel, perhaps for the first time, to understand it in their hearts.

Pray for a team from **McAdams BC and Williamsville BC in Attala County** as they are serving in a country in South Asia. Nov. 8-18.

Pray for the Growth Spiral Conference, Main Street BC, Hattiesburg (SS).

Pray for a missionary from Thailand as he spends time in Mississippi seeking to add more partners to help him in his work among the people group he serves.

Pray for the people of Indonesia in the wake of a tsunami and hurricane. Pray that they will come to the One who is stronger than the spirits they believe caused these disasters.

Pray for the Equestrian Event, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Nov. 12-13 (WMU).

Pray for a team from **North Winona BC** who are traveling home from Athens, Greece after serving among refugees. Pray that those who received ministry from them will now look to Jesus as their Savior.

Pray for the direction of the North American Mission Board. The board is in the process of many changes and the Lord's guidance is greatly needed.

Please pray for the health team's patients who are closed to the Gospel. Pray that their ears will be open to the Truth. This health team is working with an unreached people group on an island in Southeast Asia.

Pray that more and more churches will be willing to adopt unreached, unengaged people groups for prayer, and that they will be open to the ways God may want to use their church to impact the lostness of these people groups.

Pray for missionaries all around the world as they prepare for Thanksgiving festivities with their co-workers. Many will be missing being with family members during the coming holiday season.

THANKSGIVING - We have much to be thankful for today. Take a moment to reflect on your many blessings.

Pray for MS missionaries who had the opportunity to share the Gospel with 102 people among the unreached people group with whom they live and work in SE Asia. Pray that the gospel message will take root and flourish.

Pray for a team from **Holly BC in Corinth** as they travel to Ecuador to participate in VBS and open-air evangelism, Nov. 20-27.

International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis (WMU Emphasis), Nov. 28-Dec. 5.

Pray for God to touch the hearts of our church members to give sacrificially toward mission efforts.

Pray for the many children in Africa who are enslaved, brainwashed and used as soldiers to fight for the evil agenda of those who have enslaved them. Pray for their deliverance and mental and emotional healing.

Pray for inter-city ministries and those to whom they minister. Pray for God to release His power to turn lives around in surroundings which are often hopeless and dangerous.

Pray for God to purify the hearts of His children in such a way that they may celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year.



JANUARY

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HOUSE TOPS

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

The Case for Jesus: Life in Light of Eternity

Luke 12:13-21; Philippians 1:21-26

By Rick Henson

When John D. Rockefeller, a life-long Baptist, died in 1937, a resident of New York City became obsessed with learning how much he left behind. The man called and visited the Rockefeller Center in vain. No one would return his calls or allow him in. One day he saw Rockefeller's personal assistant leaving the building. He ran up to him, grabbed him by the lapels and exclaimed, "I just have to know. How much did John D. Rockefeller leave behind?"

The assistant pushed him away and yelled, "He left it all, man! He left it all!"

No matter how much any one of us has or does not have, each person will leave it all behind at the end of our lives.

So you own some stock, land, a house, jewelry, and a car. Whose will it all be in one hundred years? Do you own it, or just manage it while you are here?

Jesus told about a man in Luke 12 who mistakenly thought he owned it all. God called the man a fool for providing treasure on earth and ignoring treasure in heaven. The word here translated fool in the original New Testament Greek may also be translated *without reason, senseless, foolish, or stupid; or without reflection or intelligence, or acting rashly*. None of those are flattering words. A life based solely on earthly possessions truly is senseless.

The man condemned in Jesus' story decided to enjoy life and all



Henson

that he had acquired. Jesus did not condemn the man for planning for here, but for not planning for the hereafter. Jesus warned in Luke 12:15, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," (KJV).

In our society, people feel as though they absolutely must have certain things, many of which were not even invented until recently. In a few weeks throngs of people will descend on the malls and shopping centers on "Black Friday" to purchase the latest must-have items for Christmas gifts. When we believe that what we do not have, where we have not been, or what we have not experienced lower the quality of our lives, then we think like the fool in Jesus' story. Are we not teaching the next American generation that wearing the right clothes, texting on the best phones, driving the cool cars, playing on a Wii or Xbox, or

surfing the web on select computers will improve our lives? We have mistakenly believed that labor-saving devices enhance life more than improve efficiency. It seems that we in America have confused making a living with making a life, who we are with what we have, and Whom we serve with whom will serve us. We are far more interested in stuff than the Savior.

I recently spent ten days in Romania on a mission trip. I survived with only a few minutes of television per day on a small screen, and with only a simple cell phone to keep in touch with the local pastor. The phone did not tell time, check email, or predict the weather, yet the quality of my life was wonderful. I rode in a small bus or took a taxi, yet enjoyed the company of great Christians in that country and worked with a team that resulted in over five hundred Romanians praying to receive Christ.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1:21-26. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is

gain," (KJV). Death is a bargain for a born-again follower of Christ. We gain heaven, and lose the struggles of this world. While those left behind may grieve, no believer in heaven mourns. Being a Christ-follower is a win-win proposition: if we die, we go to be with him; if we live He guides us through life and even uses us to build His kingdom.

How can believers help friends who struggle with these difficult economic times, if we are no different from them? First, let's get our own priorities straight, serving the Lord instead of ourselves. Second, recognize the temporal nature of life and its possession and the eternal nature of life with God. Third, share that God's standards of success are different from man's. Like John D. Rockefeller, you and all your friends will leave it all behind. To what will you go when you do?

Henson is pastor of Oakdale Church, Brandon.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Being Married

Ephesians 5: 22-33

By Melleen Moore

Word exploration is helpful in scripture study; as is the case in our study on marriage. Understanding the word 'submit', gives us a better idea of Paul's view of marriage. So to define submit, consider these synonyms: yielding, giving, sharing, rendering and/or following. As a matter of fact, Paul wrote of submitting in Ephesians 5: 21 in terms of relationships with one another adding "in the fear of Christ" (HCSB). The point is made that all relationships should be based on the foundation of Christ's relationship to God the Father. Paul is writing to believers with both spouses being Christians.

Wives: Submit as Service
Ephesians 5: 22-24

Paul addresses his audience 'wives', then begins with the action word—submit. The quali-

fication is "to your own husband" (Ephesians 5:22, HCSB). The submission is to the one man God has placed over the wife in holy matrimony. It is clear that the expectation is a willing and loving attitude. Wives with a loving personal relationship with Jesus Christ find it easier to submit to their husbands as in serving God. The husband is her personal intimate possession to be accepted and respected "as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22, HCSB). First place goes to Christ then the obedient spiritual wife willingly submits according to the commandment given by God. The husband is to accept the role of leadership just as Christ is the leader of the church. Jesus Christ is the Savior to the believers making up the body of the church as is the husband to lovingly protect and provide for the wife. The church in submission following



Moore

Christ is the model for the wives to yield to their husbands.

Husbands: Love as Christ Does
Ephesians 5:25-30

The audience is now the husbands and the command is love. There is no greater love than that of Christ who gave himself sacrificially. This is the example set before the husband as Paul writes "love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5: 25, HCSB). Love is shown as sacrificial, purifying and caring. The sacrificial love is the greatest love of all as Jesus gave himself for the church. The selfless love that He gave redeemed the church unto Himself. The purifying love is the cleansing or washing to make the church holy. As the believer is washed in baptism and covered with the Holy Spirit, the church is washed by the Word of God and presented in splendor. Just as the sacrificial lamb of the Old Testament

was to be without blemish, Jesus Christ was sinless and without blemish so the church is purified without spot or wrinkle and made holy and blameless. The husband is expected to love and honor his wife as Christ does the church—His Bride. Caring love is exemplified by the command for the husband to love his wife as his own body. The husband who loves his wife and puts her before himself brings blessings to himself from her and from the Lord. It is natural to take care of yourself which is the example Christ gave in caring for the body of believers—the church. The standard for love in marriage is the highest possible since the perfect example is Christ's love. The husband's responsibility is one of selfless, sacrificial love, purifying love and caring love as Christ portrayed in His love for the church—body of Christ.

Both: Express a Complete Unity
Ephesians 5:31-33

The expression of complete unity begins in the creation

story. In Genesis 2, it is made clear God's intention for marriage and the Christian family. It is for man and woman to become one flesh which can only be achieved 'in Christ'. The unity that has a bond beyond comparison is more than physical (sexual), and it is more than emotional. It is a spiritual bond allowing the Holy Spirit to mold and mesh partners into one 'in Christ'. Warren Wiersbe explains "Adam had to give part of himself to get a bride, but Christ gave all of himself to purchase His bride at the cross" (The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 2, 2001, p. 51). The mystery revealed is the oneness of Christ and His church as is man and woman becoming one flesh. The unity of marriage should exemplify the unbreakable love of Christ and His church resulting in love and respect in a marriage.

Moore is a member of Macedonia Church, Petal.

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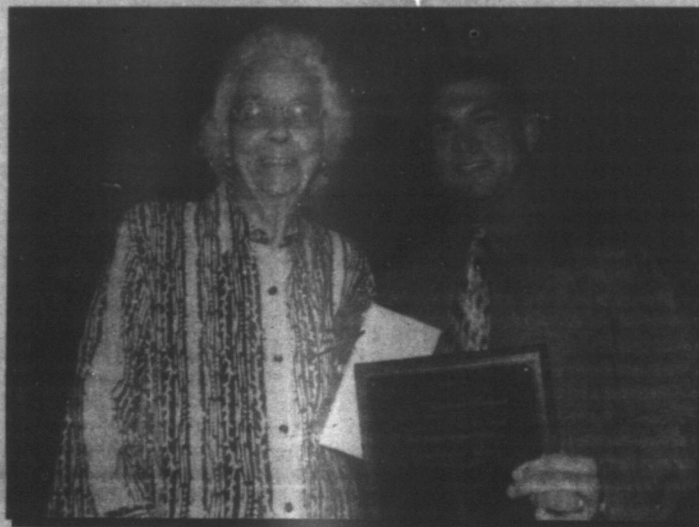


MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. **Adaton Church, Starkville**, ordained David Francis as a deacon Oct. 24. Shown are pastor J.D. Shaw and Francis.
2. **Midway Church, Jackson**, ordained Carl Widdig as deacon Oct. 24. Shown, seated, are Widdig and his wife Eleanor; standing, Bert McLaurin, pastor Anthony Kay, Mike Hunt, Robert Wall, and Talmadge Baughn.
3. **Edwards Church, Edwards**, held a parent-child dedication Oct. 31 for Josiah Dale Riggs. Shown are his parents, LeeAnn and Scotty Riggs, Josiah, and interim pastor John G. McCall.
4. **Goss Church, Columbia**, recognized Charlene Nelson for over 65 years of teaching Sunday School, having taught in Mississippi, Louisiana, and North Carolina. Nelson received a gift and plaque. Shown are Nelson and Allan Doane. Mark McArthur, pastor.

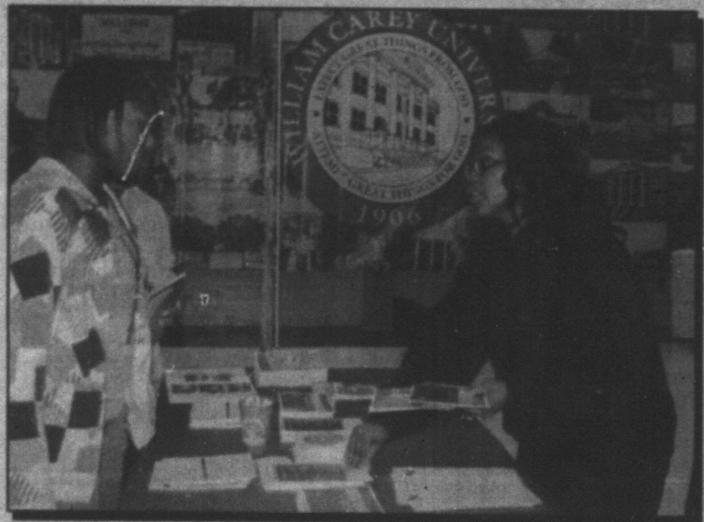


3. Edwards Church, Edwards



4. Nelson recognition

COLLEGE NEWS



3. Lymon and Carter

1. **Mississippi College's (MC) Flowood Center** is hosting a pre-holiday health fair Nov. 12. The fair includes free health screenings; information on home safety, exercise, nutrition, heart disease, diabetes, bone health; and a lecture by Carol Johnson-Barnes. For more information, call (601) 925-7775.
2. The director of MC's new physician assistant program, Bob Philpot, will lead a workshop devoted to the management skill of team-based learning Nov. 18, 3-5 p.m., Anderson Hall Room A, on the Clinton campus. For more information, call (601) 925-7371 or email diffende@mc.edu.

3. **William Carey University** hosted the Pine Belt College Fair on Wednesday, November 3, in the Student Conference Center in Wilkes Dining Hall from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Over 1000 students from 14 high schools and academies were present. Students from Columbia Academy, Forrest County Agricultural High School, Lamar Christian High School, Laurel Christian High School, Lumberton High School, North Forrest High School, Perry Central High School, Prentiss Christian High School, Presbyterian Christian High School, Purvis High School, Richton High School, Sacred Heart High School and Sumrall High School were in attendance. More than 40 university and military representatives from Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana were available to discuss admission requirements and scholarship opportunities with the participating students. Alissa King,

associate director of admissions, and Lisa Dickens, assistant director of admissions and recruitment, directed the College Fair. Shown are Qualece Lymon, Richton High School, and Angela Carter, Delta State University.

4. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee who ran a strong race for the White House in 2008 and hosts a popular weekend show on the Fox News Channel, will headline MC's spring scholarship banquet on March 28, 2011. The annual banquets are a vital component of the university's \$80 million "Growing the Vision" campaign to raise support for scholarships, academic programs, the MC endowment and capital improvements. Mississippi College offers several scholarship opportunities through which you can meet Huckabee and help support the "Growing the Vision" campaign. For more information, please contact Amy Rowan at (601) 925-3257 or rowan@mc.edu.



5. Dunigan

5. MC biology professor Beth Dunigan has been chosen as the new president of the Mississippi Science Teachers Association.



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JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Higginbotham ordination



2. Reflections Choir, First Church, Jackson



3. Eastview Church, East Laurel

1. Antioch Church, Union, ordained Chris Higginbotham to the gospel ministry. Shown are Ray Spence, Ben Higginbotham, Melissa Higginbotham, and Josh Higginbotham.

2. The Reflections Choir of First Church, Jackson, will present their annual Thankful Christmas program Nov. 19. The program is specifically performed to honor the homebound in the Jackson area. Shown are Martha Crisler, Betty Phelps, Charles Carter, and Eva Hart.

3. Eastview Church, East Laurel, burned the note on their church bus Oct. 31. Shown are Sammy Mansell, Sr., Gayle Pope, and Ronnie Holifield.

4. Spring Hill Church, Waterford, ordained Bobby Snow to the ministry and presented Blaine Davis with a certificate of license to the ministry Sept. 26. Shown are Lena Davis, Davis, pastor John Parker, Snow, and Tanya Snow.

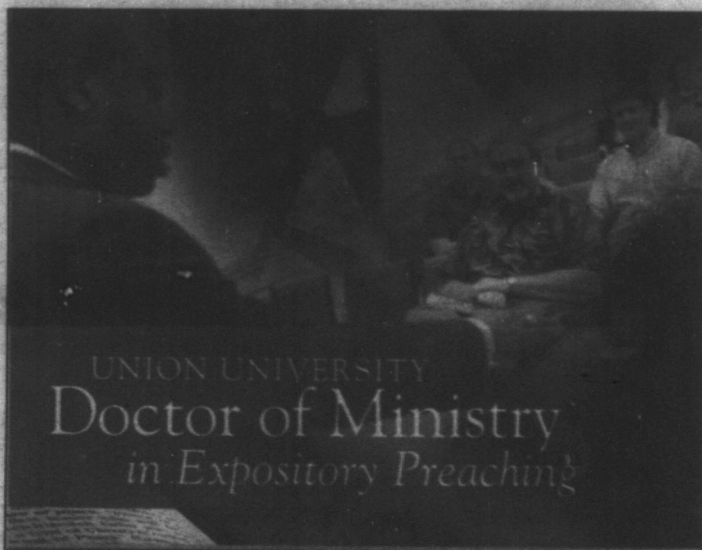
5. Brewer Church, Shannon, honored T.K. (Kermit) Brann for his services upon completion of his third interim at the church Oct. 17. He will turn 91 in November. Shown, second row are Keith Wiseman, Rickey Pickens, Eddie McPherson, and Jason West; front row, Brann and his wife Helen.



4. Spring Hill Church, Waterford



5. Brann recognition



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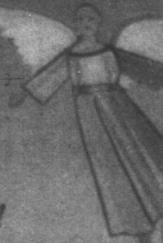
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